

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 are pending. These claims find support in the original claims and in the specification. For instance, see the specification, page 5, last paragraph through page 9 and Fig. 2. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

The Applicants thank Examiner Borin for the courteous and helpful interview of December 18, 2003. Claim language that would avoid the indefiniteness and description rejections was discussed. However, it was indicated that an RCE should be filed to obtain consideration of any amended claim language. The amendment above is based on this claim language. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claims 8, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate description. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. This rejection would not apply to new Claims 12 and 13, which do not use the phrase “specifically interact with functional groups”.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate description. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. This rejection would not apply to new Claims 12 and 13, which do not refer to “covering” or “selecting” docking structures.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cancel Claims 6-11.

Add new Claims 12 and 13.

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